THE MINISTER OFTRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIJUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) 112 communities have represented for their inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Assam. As per the approved modalities, so far the Lalungs of the autonomous hill districts, and the Dimasa, Hajong, Singhpho, Khampti and garo communties in the plains have become eligible for inclusion in the List of STs. The proposal to change to nomenclature of the Mikir community to Karbi has also been finalished.There is a proposal to include the above communities in the ST list of Assam through an Act of Parliament. In respect of other communities the process of consultation with expert agencies is not yet complete.

(c) The representatives of the Central Government, the Government of Assam and the Bodo community Tiger are currently discussion this issue.

Clearance of projects of Government of Karnataka

1317. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sent two projects for approval of Government aimed at improving the condition of major slums in certain towns and cities, including Bangalore city; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the present status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the Government of Karnataka has submitted the following two project proposals to the Government of India for seeking financial assistance from Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC);

(i) Slum Upgradation and Development Programme for 21 class-l cities in Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs. 753.27 crores.

(ii) Integrated Slum Development Project for Bangalore city at an estimated cost of Rs. 508.88 crores.

These project proposals were examined by the Government of India and supported in principle but could not be included in the list of projects posed to the Government of Japan for 2002-03 package considering the limited likely availability of funds and other competing projects.